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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111
IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED SEPTEMBER 19, 2008**

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Customer Window, Mail Stop Amendment
Randolph Building
401 Dulany Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir :

Responsive to the Office Action of September 19, 2008, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections made therein are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Inasmuch as the Office Action sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response, to end December 19, 2008, this Amendment is filed concurrently with a Request for Three-Month Extension of Time. The Office is authorized to charge any required fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.